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REMARKS

Claims 1-15, 17-21 and 23-34 are now pending in the application. Claims 17, 19, 20 and 33 have been amended herein. Claim 35 has been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-15, 23-32 and 34.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIM 19 UNDER 35 USC §112, 1ST ¶

Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as being non-enabled. Claim 19 has been amended herein to include the missing equation (the third equation in the originally allowable claim 19). Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

III. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 17-21, 33 AND 35 UNDER 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 33 and 35 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) based on Wu in view of Kwok et al. Claim 19 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) based on Kwok in view of Wu and Kwok et al. Withdrawal of each of these rejections is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Independent claims 17, 19, 20 and 33 have each been amended to incorporate the feature of previously identified allowable claim 22. Accordingly, claims 17, 19, 20, 33, and the claims dependent therefrom, should now be in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as previously identified allowable claim 22.

Regarding claim 35, applicants have canceled the claim without prejudice. Claim 35, if amended similar to the other independent claims, would be redundant in view of claim 33.

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IV. CONCLUSION

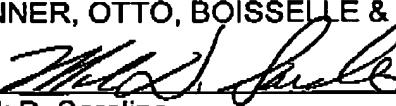
Accordingly, all claims 1-15, 17-21 and 23-34 should now be allowable and the application should be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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